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SUBJECT: COREMO PRESIDENT DISCUSSES MOZAMBIQUE

SUMMARY: PAUL GUMANE AND OTHER COREMO LEADERS VISITED EMBASSY

JULY 23 AND 24 TO DISCUSS THEIR ATTEMPT PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE TO
FRELIMO IN MOZAMBIQUE. COREMO PRESENTLY RECRUITING CADRE OF
POLITICAL ACTIVISTS FROM LARGE NAIROBI BASED MOZAMBICAN COMM-
UNITY WHICH REPORTEDLY INCLUDES MANY EX-FRELIMO MEMBERS. GUMANE
OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS OF RECENTLY LAUNCHED MUNIREMO WHICH
HE CLAIMS COREMO CONTROLS. GUMANE BELIEVES ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION
AND POLITICAL CO-EXISTENCE WITH RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA
NECESSARY FOR INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE. JONA SIMIAO HAS BECOME
LIABILITY AND MAY BE EASED OUT. END SUMMARY

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1. COREMO PRESIDENT PAUL GUMANE, ACCOMPANIED BY ARTUR VILANKULU

(COREMO LOBBYIST/PROPAGANDIST IN US) AND SAMUEL SIMANGO (COREMO SEC. DEF.), APPROACHED EMBOFF TO EXPLAIN COREMO'S PLANS TO INTRODUCE POLITICAL CADRE INTO MOZAMBIQUE DURING NEXT FEW WEEKS. COREMO REPORTEDLY RECRUITING ANTI-FRELIMO MOZAMBICANS FROM DISPARATE FACTIONS IN EUROPE (ESPECIALLY GERMANY), ZAMBIA AND MALAWI IN ADDITION TO KENYA. TWENTY TO THIRTY NAIROBI-BASED MOZAMBICANS (MAINLY EX-FRELIMO, INCLUDING NUMBER FORMER FUMO AND MANU, WHICH NOW UNITED WITH COREMO) SCHEDULED TO FLY TO BEIRA FROM BLANTYRE IN

-4 GROUPS DURING NEXT TWO WEEKS. GUMANE PLANS DEPART NAIROBI JULY 28 FOR MALAWI. UNLIKE OTHERS, GUMANE TO CONTINUE ON TO SWAZILAND FOR BRIEF STAY. WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS WILL TRAVEL TO LISBON QTE TO SEE THE RIGHT PEOPLE UNQTE. ALSO PLANS STOPS IN PARIS AND LONDON PRIOR FLIGHT TO LM IN LATE AUGUST.

2. COREMO ELATED BY ANNOUNCEMENT THIS WEEK OF ESTABLISHMENT MOVEMENT FOR UNIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION OF MOZAMBIQUE (MUNIREMO) UNDER PRESIDENCY PEDRO MONDLANE, LOOK-ALIKE COUSIN OF LATE FRELIMO CHIEF. MUNIREMO, CHARACTERIZED AS UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOR ANTI-FRELIMO MOVEMENTS INCLUDING FRECOMO, NATIONAL CONGRESS OF MOZAMBIQUE AND WHITE GROUP CALLED DEMOCRATIC CONVERSION OF MOZAMBIQUE. TWO HUNDRED FIFTY REPRESENTATIVES THESE FACTIONS AND DELEGATES FROM ASIAN AND CHINESE COMMUNITIES MET WITH COREMO IN MBABANE JULY 15-17 TO IRON OUT DIFFERENCES AND PRESENT COMMON FRONT. ACCORDING GUMANE, NO MAJOR OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED IN LAUNCHING MOVEMENT OVER WHICH HE SAID COREMO EXERCISING BEHIND-THE-SCENES CONTROL.

3. GUMANE, COMMENTING ON POST-INDEPENDENCE PERIOD, SAID QTE MOZAMBIQUE MUST RECOGNIZE GEOGRAPHIC REALITIES IN SOUTHER AFRICA UNQTE. COUNTRY WILL CONTINUE TO NEED INCOME MOZAMBICAN MINERS BRING HOME FROM SOUTH AFRICA AS WELL AS TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT. POLITICAL CO-EXISTENCE WITH SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE QTE DESIREABLE AND INEVITABLE UNQTE. MOZAMBIQUE MUST ALSO LEARN TO GET ALONG WITH RHODESIA WHERE COREMO SUPPORTS BISHOP MUZOREWA.

4. WHEN ASKED ABOUT JOANA SIMIAO, GUMANE AND ASSOCIATES REPLIED THAT SHE IS POLITICALLY IMMATURE PUBLICITY SEEKER WHO QTE CAN'T KEEP A SECRET UNQTE. VILANKULU MENTIONED UNSOLICITED AND CONFIDENTIAL

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POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE SIMIAO ARRANGED FOR HIS ARRIVAL IN BEIRA. GUMANE ADDED THAT IF MUNIREMO FAILED TO CURB JOANA SIMIAO'S ACTIVITIES HE HAD TWO OR THREE PEOPLE IN MIND WHO COULD REPLACE HER. MARSHALL

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